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SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 46

AN ACT concerning natural and cultural resources.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) **The lake management work group is established. The activities of the work group established by this SECTION shall be directed to problems and issues associated with lakes that meet the definition of a public freshwater lake set forth in IC 14-26-2-3.**

(b) **The work group consists of twenty-six (26) members appointed as follows:**

- (1) Four (4) members of the general assembly, consisting of:**
 - (A) two (2) members of the house of representatives who may not be members of the same political party, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and**
 - (B) two (2) members of the senate who may not be members of the same political party, appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.**
- (2) Three (3) representatives of the department of natural resources, at least one (1) of whom must be an officer in the division of law enforcement.**
- (3) The commissioner of the department of environmental management or the commissioner's designee.**
- (4) One (1) representative of the Indiana Lake Management Society or a similar organization of citizens concerned about lakes. This member is appointed by the governor.**

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(5) One (1) representative of the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture appointed by the governor upon the recommendation of the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

(6) One (1) representative of soil and water conservation districts organized under IC 13-3-1 or IC 14-32-3 (before their repeal). This member is appointed by the governor.

(7) Ten (10) members appointed by the governor, each of whom is:

- (A) a participant in lake related recreational activities;
- (B) a resident of a lake area;
- (C) the owner or operator of a lake related business; or
- (D) interested in the natural environment of the lakes of Indiana.

(8) One (1) representative of the United States Army Corps of Engineers appointed by the governor upon the recommendation of the commander of the Louisville District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

(9) One (1) representative of an agricultural organization. This member is appointed by the governor.

(10) One (1) representative of an environmental organization. This member is appointed by the governor.

(11) Two (2) other individuals appointed by the governor as at-large members.

(c) When appointing two (2) members of the house of representatives to the work group under subsection (b)(1)(A), the chairperson of the legislative council shall appoint one (1) of the representatives as the chairperson of the work group to serve beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001.

(d) When appointing two (2) members of the senate to the work group under subsection (b)(1)(B), the chairperson of the legislative council shall appoint one (1) of the senators as the chairperson of the work group beginning on the date of the appointment and ending June 30, 2000. The chairperson of the legislative council shall again appoint one (1) senator as chairperson of the work group to serve beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002. The work group shall meet at the call of the chairperson, however, the work group shall meet not less than two (2) times each year.

(e) To fill the positions created by subsection (b)(7), the governor shall appoint one (1) resident of each of the ten (10) congressional districts in Indiana. Each individual who was



appointed by the governor as a member of the work group on December 31, 1999, under P.L.239-1997 (before its expiration) is appointed to serve on the work group until the governor appoints a successor.

(f) Each legislative member of the work group is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to individuals who serve as legislative members of interim study committees established by the legislative council.

(g) Each lay member of the work group who is not a state employee is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to individuals who serve as lay members of interim study committees established by the legislative council.

(h) The legislative council shall establish a budget for the work group to pay for per diem, mileage, and travel allowances.

(i) The work group is under the direction of the department of natural resources. The department may contract with a facilitator to facilitate the work of the work group. The department of natural resources shall staff the work group.

(j) The work group shall do the following:

(1) Monitor, review, and coordinate the implementation of the work group's recommendations issued under P.L.239-1997.

(2) Facilitate collaborative efforts among commonly affected state, county, and local governmental entities in cooperation with lake residents and related organizations.

(3) Conduct public meetings to hear testimony and receive written comments concerning the implementation of the work group's recommendations.

(4) Develop proposed solutions to problems concerning the implementation of the work group's recommendations.

(5) Issue reports to the natural resources study committee when directed to do so.

(6) Review all funding that is currently being utilized for Indiana's waterways, including potential sources that could be used as a resource for the Indiana General Assembly to correct funding problems.

(7) Issue:

(A) an interim report before July 1, 2001; and

(B) a final report before July 1, 2002.

(k) The affirmative votes of a majority of the members appointed to the work group are required for the work group to take action on any measure, including final reports.

(l) The work group shall make its reports available to:



- (1) the natural resources study committee;**
- (2) the department of natural resources; and**
- (3) the public.**

(m) This SECTION expires July 1, 2002.

SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.

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President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved: _____

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